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SAC candidates forum poorly organized

BY JULIE TYIOS

On March 1, the official campaigning period for the Students' Administrative Council (SAC) spring elections began. UTM held a candidates forum on March 3, during which those running for the seven elected executive positions were invited to introduce themselves and their platforms to the student body.

Running for SAC President are Mark Freeman, Michael Andre, Ashley Morton, Justin Kim and Paul Bretscher. Freeman's speech revealed intentions in bringing more money back to UTM. He also claimed he wanted to establish a scholarship fund and tackle pressing issues with parking on campus. Andre has had previous experience with government politics and promised to put UTM's money back into UTM for clubs and events. Morton discussed his idea to develop a flexible parking pass to lower parking rates and minimize UTM's parking problem while working on transit issues outside of the university. Justin Kim was the only Presidential candidate not present to make a speech in the forum.

Vice-President (VP) of Student Life candidates Lachlan Cheng, Dylan Rae, and Dhruv Jain were enthusiastic about improving university life for students. Better Frosh Weeks, nightclub events, clubs funding, and websites for clubs were among the things promised.

The position of University Affairs is being competed for by Kevin Keane, Christopher Booth, Howard Tam and Sean Knight. Keane promises to make SAC accountable to students and "to sit in on as many committees as possible," as well as improve parking at UTM and focus more on a collective team effort. Booth wants to

generate a greater interest and act as a liaison between colleges, but his enthusiasm was marred by the fact that he had not previously had much experience in politics. Tam and Knight were not present for speeches.

Fourth-year student and the present SAC University Affairs Commissioner Mohammed Hashim is running for VP UTM Commissioner. Hashim's platform involved lobbying issues both inside and outside of the university to emphasize student safety and accessibility, and "creating a mentorship program for first-year students."

"It was the most poor run election candidates forum I've ever been to"
— Sean O'Connell

Hashim also created the 'Hashim Report,' which suggests that SAC UTSC remove itself from the Scarborough campus and the Scarborough College Student Union (SCSU) run its own internal student politics, with a SAC designate sitting on the council. He also claims that the 'Hashim Report' is an example of "what ECSU can look like in the following year." He also promised to focus on environmental and carpooling issues. Hashim also "guarantees that we will have a direct Mississauga bus to Erindale from Square One." Opposing Hashim for UTM Commissioner is Jay Singh, a fourth-year Erindale student. Singh expressed intentions on improving food facilities, and grappling with "financial accountability, so the President can't spend lavishly." Singh

also feels "in touch with issues pertaining to our campus."

Also competing for the position is third-year Marium Azimi. Several audience members were both humored and disgusted with Azimi's political 'New Student Union' (NSU) inspired speech and seemingly rehearsed question and answer segment between herself and fellow 'NSU' political party advocate Mark Fahmy. Hashim is presently involved within SAC while Singh has some experience through volunteering. Azimi, however, has no experience within SAC.

Current SAC External Affairs Commissioner Alexandra Artful-Dodger battles against John Lea for the position of VP Operations, currently held by Lea. Lea promised a free income tax clinic for students, sinking 30 percent of SAC's budget into UTM and increasing the clubs budget by \$30,000. Lea noted that he had raised more than \$100,000 for SAC through fundraising and would like more funding to go into clubs. He however seemed to avoid questions regarding SAC 101 Party Planning, which he was involved in and had signed cheques for. "I love my job and would like to resume next year," he said.

Artful-Dodger stated her past accomplishments involving various committees and said, "SAC isn't consulting students enough about their money being spent." She also promised to increased accountability and to proportionally allocate funds back to UTM. Artful-Dodger also spoke of a free tax clinic, and re-evaluating the relationship between ECSU, SAC UTM and SAC UTSC.

Many of the candidates expressed their

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CCIT program still under construction

New program still needs fine tuning

BY ADRIAN BAREK

It's no secret that Erindale is on the brink of major transition. The

approaching double cohort has spawned a frenzy of projects across campus designed to expand and improve services, facilities, and infrastructure. While many bold ideas for the future have been voiced, the UTM community has learned through experience to believe in such improvements only after they have made the change from theory to practice. One of the first major projects to make the transition from idea to actuality is the Communication, Culture, and Information Technology (CCIT) program. The well-publicized program is the most recent expansion to UTM's curriculum.

As students this year experience the CCIT program for the first time, it is still very much a work in progress. Before CCIT can become the cutting-edge, multi-discipline program it aspires to be, it must first be approved by U of T executives. CCIT administration, led by Director Bill Thompson, were recently rewarded for their hard work on the approval process. Academic Affairs at UTM granted CCIT administrators approval to implement three proposed specialist programs. Final approval by the Governing Council of U of T is

expected on March 19th. If final approval is granted, the program will offer a specialist in Digital Enterprise Management (DEM), a second in Visual Culture and Communication (VCC), and a third in Human Communication and Technology (HCT) in addition to the existing CCIT major.

In addition to the three specialists, a total of 48 new CCIT courses were also approved for implementation into the curriculum. Considering the program's current course offering is only ten, the approval of 48 new courses comes as big news for CCIT. The courses cover a broad range of topics and differ widely in focus. Certain courses with titles like Web Culture and Design; Theory and Practice of Animation; and E-business Technologies will be taught at Sheridan where the emphasis is hands-on and technical. Other courses will be taught at UTM and will have an academic and theory-based approach. Some examples are Economics and the Digital Firm; Music Perception and Cognition; and Gender and Visual Representation.

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SAC VP UTM commissioner candidate Mohammed Hashim expresses his excitement over book bursaries. photo/Mehraan Pavri

Aramark food services need improvement and variety

Students displeased with food options

BY JULIE TYIOS

Although recent management changes have taken place in food services, there remains to be much needed improvement and revisions. Students have voiced several concerns that the choices in food availability are currently limited, and that no drastic changes will take place anytime soon. Frequent changes in management may also be affecting the operation of Aramark, the company that owns the contract to providing the majority of food services on campus, which needs a consistent manager to bring about different changes and address concerns.

The Mission Statement in the Food Services document includes such objectives as, "to provide quality products at reasonable prices with courteous and efficient service in pleasant and clean facilities...to cover both direct and indirect costs and provide for the renewal of capital equipment," and, "to maintain a surplus sufficient to provide for a major shutdown of operations or a major equipment failure." Aramark's cur-

rent contract spans five years and will be put up for bid again in August 2004. The contract includes having the food services provider replace outdated equipment, as well as to provide a commission to UTM. In past years, the two major contenders have been Beaver Foods and Aramark Canada. Aramark currently holds rights to be the only food service provider on campus and caterer of events, which gives them monopolizing power over food services. Aramark controls Spigel Hall, Pizza Pizza and Tim Hortons, and food at the Blind Duck Pub on campus.

Students are generally unhappy with their menu choices and the quality of food. "Everything is seemingly deep-fried," complained third-year student Terri Carter. "When I have night classes and have to wait, it's hard finding a quick bite to eat because everything closes early and not only that, but doughnuts or french fries aren't something I'd consider substantial night after night." As well, many complain that prices are far too expensive, especially in Spigel Hall, which poses a problem for students that are on a tight budget. "You can go to a bar down the street and easily pay two or three times more than what we

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We don't hear any concerns voiced from students"

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Tues., March 11 - Display R.A.G.E. Talent Showcase - 9 p.m. - No Cover

BLIND DUCK PUB

Thurs., March 13 - S.E.C's Sex Pub - Jello Wrestling
- Tickets \$5.00 in advance -

Fri., March 14 - Residence Pub Night - 10 p.m.-2a.m. - All Ages



International women's day event molds equity issues 'piece by peace'

BY KRUPA PATEL

The message was clear and empowering: the need for unity between all men and all women for the struggle towards peace – Piece by Peace. On Thursday March 6, Erindale held its first event inspired by International Women's Day on March 8 entitled "Equality and Equity – Piece by Peace." The event was put together with joint efforts from the UTM Women's Centre, the Students' Administrative Council (SAC), and the Muslim Students' Association (MSA).

The panel consisted of five uniquely accomplished women each with a distinct message about the main theme of peace and equity. "One of the purposes of this event was to make people aware of International Women's Day, but more than that, it was to help us address the huge inequalities that exist in our society and better understand what it means to have equity," explained Zubia Hassan, a co-coordinator at the Women's Centre. The event started out with a presenta-

tion given by each of the five speakers followed by a question/answer discussion. The first speaker was Dorsia Manson from Amnesty International, an organization dedicated to the preservation of human rights across the globe. In regards to Amnesty's goals, Borson claimed that "human rights are women's rights and women's rights are human rights," and that Amnesty sought to remove the torture endured by women worldwide. Maliha Chisti, a PhD candidate at the University of Toronto, was the second speaker whose focus remained on the fact that though the International Women's Movement was a platform that was meant to represent the interests of all women, it tended to sideline the third world minority women who are subjected to some of the worst types of discrimination. But, she explained, regardless of the inevitable differences, women must unite and create solidarity on the basis of a commitment to social justice, the eradication of violence and worldwide peace.

Cheshmeh Farhoudi Sims, a PhD candidate at York University spoke of the

importance of equality of the sexes as a pre-requisite for peace and that the advancement of women was necessary to ensure the advancement of society. She emphasized the necessity for there to be a "partnership between men and women" to strive for equality and ultimately peace. Kathy Bullock who has a PhD in Political Science, spoke about the hijab, the scarf worn by Muslim women. She explained that it symbolized not oppression but liberation, purity, dignity and identity. For Muslim women, it is "a true source of inner peace." Madiha Hashmi, of the MSA, explained that it was "important to get rid of the many misconceptions about the women in Islam. This was a good opportunity to raise this awareness."

The last speaker was Julia Morton-Marr, President of the International Holistic Tourism Education Centre, who spoke of the relationship between peace and the environment and the need to hear the voice of women for peace.

Third – year student, Sumaya Syed found the presentation to be "informa-

tive, especially because such different women were able to speak on the one platform of peace." "Not only was it informative and interesting," added Victor Pazos, a first – year student, "but it was inspirational to hear and think about the issues they brought forth." In the question/answer period at the end individual views were expressed and interesting points were raised.

"What better an opportunity to unite

men and women of all faiths and backgrounds," described SAC UTM Commissioner, My-Linh Nguyen, who was very content with the success of the evening. Judging from the enthusiasm that resulted, Erindale can probably look forward to a similar type of event next year. As an inspirational prelude to March 8, the message of Equity and Peace was heard loud and clear – Happy International Women's Day.



Speaker Maliha Chisti talks on women equity rights. photo/Mohammed Hashim

Disruption at forum upsets candidates

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ideas for UTM, the majority emphasized pressing issues such as parking, shuttle bus discounts. Several other election promises included making SAC more financially accountable to the students and directing more UTM incidental fees to the students at UTM via clubs, sponsorship and general services provided by SAC.

Many candidates were rushed through their speeches which left little time for questions. There was also some disruption by student Mark Fahmy, who loudly voiced his opinion against candidates during their speeches. Fahmy was eventually thrown out of the room when Presidential candidate Michael Andre was speaking. Andre bellowed "Shut Up!" to Fahmy who was amplifying his annoyance. John Hoskins, Chief Returning Officer (CRO), had asked him numerous times to stop disrupting the meeting as Fahmy was constantly asking heated questions during the forum and challenging candidates.

Certain student politicians expressed general discontentment towards the way the forum was conducted. "It was the most poor run election candidates' forum that

I've ever been to," said Sean O'Connell, ECU Vice President of Finance. "I felt it wasn't conducted very well," explained My Linh Nguyen. "The candidates needed more time, and *The Medium* should have had more opportunities to ask questions.

There was a great turnout however, I'm really impressed this year by the amount of interest generated and it was much better this year in terms of audience."

Voting for SAC positions will take place on ROSI March 12, 13 and 14.

Vibe flips pancakes for dough



Vibe hosted 'All you can eat Pancake Tuesday' courtesy of Aramark last week in hopes of raising money for the station. photo/Mehraan Pavri

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Christina Hosseini, H.B.Sc., CCPE

was an active student leader, and Head Don at UTM. She is currently working in the pharmaceutical industry and still enjoys every opportunity to interact with students.

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charge here," said Christine Capewell, Director of Business Services.

The total revenue for Aramark services on campus last year totaled \$1,884,158. This year, almost \$2,000,000 is expected, and the numbers will continue to rise each year as enrollment expands. Capewell, however claims that food services "generally break even, or make a small profit...but we reinvest it in equipment and furnishings. It's never been profitable enough to cover all expenses, so we rely on the contractor to do it...We have an arrangement in conjunction with the amount of capital we wanted Aramark to invest. We needed updated facilities, and one consistent food provider for our conference operations to deal with."

The Food Services document, in its overview of services,

states: "Although the campus has begun its enrolment [sic] expansion (by 60 percent in 2007-8) during the 2002-3 school year, there was little expansion of food services. The need for expansion of food services in the face of increased enrolment [sic] is apparent...Expansion of service hours can be implemented quite easily."

Many students working late hours at school need a quick bite to eat and are unable to find anything except for chips and chocolate bars from the vending machines. "As a theatre student, I spend many weekends in rehearsal and it would be nice to have somewhere to go without having to rush home," explained second-year student Jordi Hepburn. "But even if places were open on the weekends, I'd have trouble finding something good to eat because I'm a vegetarian and there is such little variety available."

Food services on campus also pose a problem for those who live in residence. "The issues might be more of a problem with convenience for residence students," said Chris McGrath, Director of Residence and Residence Life. "Some don't want to come home and cook between classes, as it takes an extraordinary amount of time. But then again, I see that some don't even have enough money to have anything else in their kitchens except for bread and butter. I wonder if nutritional needs are being met day after day wherever they eat."

He also explained there were plans originally for a cafeteria in Phase VII residence, which were discarded due to budget. Jan Maw, Residence Manager also adds that, "people get shuffled around internally quite a lot in food services, as well, inconsistent management could pose a problem to the efficient of their operations."

An informal committee meets once a month in the Pub meets to discuss issues in the Pub with regards to service and catering. It has been stated that Aramark is generally cooperative with addressing issues, however the only major recent change is that the menu was altered slightly and that the daily specials have been changed.

Current food services provided by Aramark are severely limited in terms of available space and menu flexibility. "Our main concern is regarding customer satisfaction," explained Capewell. "There are a number of obstacles to this, people want more variety but we have limited space with which to achieve this. We might put a new cart in the South Building Meeting Place, but space is definitely an issue." Spigel Hall recently implemented a new "World's Fair" program which has daily

menu changes. "Students generally like the food there," Capewell noted, "And we do not think the prices are too expensive, we have great salads for \$5. We're constantly fighting the expectations from student that campus food should be cheap."

Many students feel there could be a movement towards healthier choices on campus including a multitude of vegetarian alternatives. Capewell assured there would be, "no fried foods" in the new CCIT building facilities, which are expected to be completed September 2004. "We're concentrating more on a cold food grab 'n go notion rather than anything prepared hot."

Also, Aramark is supposedly looking into acquiring debit machines for its operations in the South Building. Currently, students may pay with cash or pay a \$1.50 transaction fee from the single bank machine present in the South Building to withdraw money. "There wasn't enough demand for this before," defended Capewell. "It only came up as an issue this year really."

"I think that Aramark has been cooperative with respect to discussions and concerns, but I still feel there are issues that need to be improved upon. The quality of service is not what it should be and people are still complaining," said Erindale College Student Union (ECSU) President Adil Mirza. "It's nice to see that administration takes an active role in addressing the concerns of students regarding food services by sitting in on council meetings," he added. "We don't hear any concerns voiced from students," Capewell said. "But we'd certainly like them to come forward and tell us what we can improve." New Aramark manager Deanna Quintieri declined to comment on issues involving Aramark on campus.

UTM acknowledged for accessibility

BY SANDRA BRZEZINSKI

U of T has recently been awarded an Accessibility award. The award symbolized an accomplishment for the university's ability to accommodate students with disabilities and to ensure that they can lead a fulfilling academic and social life on campus. On February 8, at a gala dinner, the Canadian Foundation for the Physically Disabled Persons congratulated UTM on all its efforts to make this university accessible to all.

Yet despite the award and efforts put forth to improve accessibility, it is questionable whether UTM is as accessible as it should be. Erindale College Student Union (ECSU) President, Adil Mirza, does not entirely agree with UTM obtaining the award. "I believe the campus is doing a moderate job [with accessibility]. The doors to the Pub are still not wheelchair accessible and Phase Six doesn't even have an elevator!" exclaimed Mirza.

In response, Dean of Student Affairs Mark Overton has claimed that UTM is faced with new challenges each year, as new students arrive with different disabilities. Although UTM is aware of the concerns regarding accessibility, it needs to prioritize them in order of importance. Ranking as most important is the new Testing and Exam Centre to be located in the North Building. The

Centre would provide individuals with learning and/or physical disabilities access to the computers and software they require, and amongst others, a place to take tests according to specific needs (i.e. more time allotted to take a test, etc.).

Some concerns have been voiced that this kind of facility would segregate physically disabled persons from the rest of their peers (*The Medium*, Volume 27, Issue 25). Overton, however, asserted that students seem to prefer this type of resource and that "students choose the accommodations they desire, which means they could choose not to use this service."

"We certainly have improved, but a lot more still has to be done to make UTM a more inclusive environment"

— My Linh Nguyen

Other projects include constructing a barrier under the stairs in the Student Centre to prevent students who are blind or with low visibility from walking into them. There are also possibilities in adding room numbers in Braille and oversized writing, and automated doors for the Pub.

There has also been more initiatives

in bettering the condition of the Student Centre. Also, improving accessibility has been planned for the construction of the new residence building, Phase Seven, which will be finished in August.

When asked about the improvements made to Phase Seven, Director of Residence, Chris McGrath, assured that "we are learning from uncertainties of the past and thus, more effort has been put forth."

"An elevator will be installed that will allow students that are wheelchair or scooter bound to access all floors of the building. The showers will be accessible, and overlooked things such as towering desks will be eliminated. In addition, some townhouses are being renovated to take into account the needs of those who are physically disabled."

My Linh Nguyen, SAC UTM Commissioner, feels the award is deserved. "We certainly have improved, but a lot more still has to be done to make UTM a more inclusive environment." Nguyen feels not enough attention has been devoted to students with learning difficulties and "would love to see more volunteer services initiated to assist fellow students with learning impairments, such as helping produce more books on multimedia."

McGrath emphasized that "the most important thing is get over the fear of asking, which is inhibiting the pace at which improvements could be made."

CCIT building completion postponed

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The release of the new courses will also mean good news for non-CCIT students. The approved CCIT courses taking place at UTM will be integrated into existing disciplines. Students in programs such as Management and Commerce, Art and Art History, Psychology, Anthropology, and History will be able to take the courses as well.

Thompson is enthusiastic about the progress made, "The proposal and approval of the DEM, VCC, and HCT specialists as well as the 48 associated courses is a huge step forward for CCIT. In addition to these, we've given numerous presentations to industries such as the Board of Trade and the City of Mississauga. Industry reaction regarding the CCIT program is very positive and that is great news for students. We're trying to reach out and build strong links and relationships with the industry and the community."

Buildings at both Sheridan and Erindale campuses are currently under construction to house and support the CCIT program. The state of construction differs for each building. Where the Sheridan building is progressing on schedule, the construction of the Erindale building has been delayed. Thompson explains, "The building was going ahead as planned, but they hit water. They weren't expecting the amount of water, so that has set it back. The original opening was scheduled for January 2004 but that has certainly been delayed. I don't know the exact date it will open, but I would guess it would be summer or fall 2004." Once completed, the CCIT building at UTM will house lecture halls, seminar rooms, labs, a cyber-café and two research centers. The research areas, the Centre for Biological Communications Systems and the Centre for Communication and Information Studies, will provide valuable research and development resources to CCIT faculty and students.

Students have expressed a wide variety of opinions on the program, although the overall feeling seems

positive. Many express satisfaction with CCIT and are quick to point out its benefits. Sara Moosa, a second-year CCIT and Psychology student says, "The courses that we're taking are quite eclectic and draw on different disciplines. I like that about the program. It opens more doors for us...anyone who wants to work in media or communications, this program can appeal to them."

Still, other students express disappointment in their CCIT experiences thus far, "I think a big problem with the CCIT program right now is the lack of IT. There's a whole lot of CC and a large lack of IT" says Clayton Kelly, a second-year CCIT student.

Karly Chambers, also a second-year CCIT student, pointed out a flaw, ironically, in the program's communication with potential students, "When I visited the website for CCIT, it shows the specialist programs and doesn't say anywhere that they haven't been passed yet and aren't available. So when I transferred here I assumed that the Performance, Theatre and Media Studies specialist was in effect, but it's not. So, I'm kind of screwed as of now." Thompson claimed that administration regrets the error and that the website is being updated.

CCIT Club President, Doug Lu, explained that, "We (CCIT students) have to understand that building a new program doesn't happen overnight, and you have to give a little leeway. We are the first ones to

take this program, so it might not be as fine-tuned as later years. That said, it's pretty cool to be involved in a program that is so unique."

As is clear, the many different students of CCIT have many different things to say about it. At least one CCIT instructor applauds students for critically evaluating their situation. Professor Elizabeth Wallace describes CCIT students as "philosophers with attitude" and goes on to praise their diverse viewpoints, "I've been delighted with the opinions aired and the thoughtful, expressive ways in which those opinions are shared."

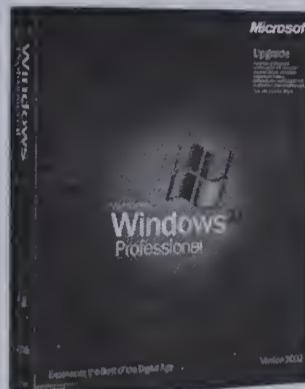
With the recent approval of the three specialist programs and 48 new courses, the opportunities available for CCIT students are greater than ever. Administration and students are excited about the advancement of the program, and look forward to its further development. While none claim the program is perfect, nearly all agree that a cooperative effort between students and administration is the best way to raise CCIT to its full potential. The near-future outlook of CCIT is perhaps best summarized by Sheridan College Instructor, Kathleen Cummins, "CCIT is a really exciting program but for it to work effectively, everyone has to work as a team. That means Sheridan instructors with U of T professors as well as students and administrators working together to create a good program vision and carry out that vision appropriately."



Completion of CCIT construction is postponed due to unexpected problems. Completion is now anticipated for summer 2004.

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Auditor's Report

To the directors of
 Medium II Publications

I have audited the statement of financial position of Medium II Publications as at April 30, 2002 and the statement of operations and net assets and statement of cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the organization's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as at April 30, 2002 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Oakville, Canada
 December 12, 2002

Charles Havill

Charles Havill, Chartered Accountant

Statement of Financial Position

	April 30 2002	2001
Assets		
Current		
Cash	\$ 14,741	\$ 10,960
Receivables	15,074	24,948
Property and equipment (Note 3)	6,867	7,397
	<u>\$ 36,682</u>	<u>\$ 43,305</u>
Liabilities		
Current		
Payables and accruals	\$ 7,040	\$ 21,772
Net Assets	29,642	21,533
	<u>\$ 36,682</u>	<u>\$ 43,305</u>

Statement of Operations and Net Assets

	Year ended April 30	2002	2001
Revenues			
Advertising	\$ 64,103	\$ 43,982	
Incidental Fees	38,651	32,201	
	<u>102,754</u>	<u>76,183</u>	
Expenses			
Publishing	25,413	26,269	
Wages and benefits	54,255	49,939	
Telephone	1,032	1,202	
Office and general	7,229	5,997	
Depreciation	1,955	2,186	
Bad debts	4,761		
	<u>96,645</u>	<u>85,593</u>	
Excess of revenues over expenses (expenses over revenues)	8,109	(9,410)	
Net assets, beginning of year	21,533	30,943	
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 29,642</u>	<u>\$ 21,533</u>	

Statement of Cash Flows

	Year ended April 30	2002	2001
Cash derived from (applied to)			
Operating			
Excess of revenues over expenses (expenses over revenues)	\$ 8,109	\$ (9,410)	
Depreciation	1,955	2,186	
Change in non-cash operating working capital	(4,858)	14,891	
	<u>5,206</u>	<u>7,667</u>	
Investing			
Purchase of property and equipment	(1,425)	(713)	
Net increase in cash		3,781	6,954
Cash, beginning of year		10,960	4,006
Cash, end of year	\$ 14,741	\$ 10,960	

Notes to the Financial Statements

April 30, 2002

1. Nature of operations

Medium II Publications was incorporated under the laws of Ontario without share capital to operate the student newspaper at the University of Toronto at Mississauga.

2. Significant accounting policies

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. By their nature, these estimates are subject to measurement uncertainty and the effect on the financial statements of changes in such estimates in future periods could be significant.

Accrual basis of accounting

Revenue and expenses are recorded on the accrual basis, whereby they are reflected in the accounts in the period in which they have been earned and incurred respectively, whether or not such transactions have been settled by the receipt or payment of money.

Property and equipment

Rates and bases of depreciation applied to write off the cost of property and equipment over their estimated useful lives are as follows:

	Office furniture and equipment	20% diminishing balance basis	Computer equipment	30% diminishing balance basis
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3. Property and equipment

	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	2002 Net Book Value	2001 Net Book Value
Equipment	\$ 63,131	\$ 59,309	\$ 3,822	\$ 4,777
Computer	7,171	4,126	3,045	2,620
	<u>\$ 70,302</u>	<u>\$ 63,435</u>	<u>\$ 6,867</u>	<u>\$ 7,397</u>

OPINION

A new deal for UTM students

Mirza clarifies Fahmy's claims

After reading a recent opinion piece in *The Medium*, "Erindale students, robbed by downtown," I was inspired to clarify some of the misleading information presented.

To start with, the author implies that UTM students are not included in discussions surrounding "student fees, student services." Student service fees are reviewed and set by a committee at UTM, known as QSS (Quality Service to Students). The committee has a majority of students on it, which include representatives from SAC, EPUS, UTMAC, Residence, AGSAE and ECSU. UTM students are not underrepresented in these discussions, because we are the majority of this committee. As well, QSS meetings are open to the entire student body. If you have a problem with the amount of fees we are paying for the Career Centre, Athletics facilities or other student services, I urge you, Mr. Fahmy to attend these meetings and cause change. If students do not pay for these services, they can not exist. This policy does not exist as a direct result of U of T, but rather, it is the provincial government that created this policy. The government has determined that publicly funded post-secondary institutions (like U of T) must have 'student services' funded by students. Furthermore, I would like to know what these "substandard levels of treatment" are, in regards to student services.

Mr. Fahmy compared the campus fees being paid at UTM, UTSC and St. George last year. While discussing fees, I will compare fees for full-time (FT) undergraduate students, as they are usually used in fee discussions and figures from the 2002-2003 academic year. It is best that we compare ourselves to students at UTSC as our campuses and needs are similar in terms of population and services provided. Also, the fees paid by downtown students vary from college to college. Although Fahmy's figures are a little off (last year the fees paid were \$378 and \$403.06 for UTM and UTSC), he is correct that UTM has seen a drastic increase over recent years. However, I would like to note that UTM students are still paying less. The large increases we have faced can be explained as well. In the past, UTM services have not had the same level of funding as UTSC services, and could therefore not provide the same level of quality as UTSC. In an effort to increase the level of quality, UTM decided to increase its student services fees significantly (resulting in a 70%

increase in 3 years).

When comparing the 'Student Service fees' it appears that UTM students (\$191.13) pay more than UTSC (\$152.37). Upon closer examination, it is apparent that these differences are a direct result of each college differently categorizing their fees. The difference between the two fees is \$38.76. At UTM, the Athletics space cost is listed separately from the user fee, whereas UTSC lists them together, under 'Other Campus fees.' If we compare what is listed as the user fee for both campuses, we would notice that UTM students pay \$96.15 compared to \$152.85 at UTSC, a difference of \$56.70. So what is the lesson to be learned in all this? Mr. Fahmy should have been realistic and compared the total incidental fees paid by students (\$716.42, UTM; \$729.54, UTSC). Unless he wanted to go through them line by line, to discover that essentially we are paying less for more services. For example, UTM students are paying for a Student Centre, and for the construction of a brand new Athletics facility, none of which UTSC has.

Moving along, UTM students don't pay for 5 students societies. FT students pay for three (ECSU, SAC & UTMAC) while part-time students pay for three as well (EPUS, APUS & UTMAC). I will not get into the specifics as I feel the SAC University Affairs Commissioner, Mohammed Hashim, beautifully illustrated the importance of our central student governments (SAC & APUS) in an article he wrote in last week's issue, "SAC commish criticizes letter." As well, it responded to my concerns with Mark Fahmy's poorly written follow-up article last week, "Another SAC hate letter." If ECSU were to try to provide a health & dental plan for FT students at UTM, it would not be able to obtain the rates that SAC gets, as SAC has more members, and consequently, more bargaining power.

I'm not going to lie and say that the system is perfect. But I would urge people to become more aware and educated of these issues, so that they may provide constructive ideas. I have so much more to say in regards to the topic of fees, but I will reluctantly come to an end, for fear that my piece may not be published. If anyone would like to learn more about incidental fees, please feel free to approach me for a discussion.

Adil F. Mirza
ECSU President

The bad news...

Consider this—virtually no UTM students serve on U of T's most important decision making bodies. Governing Council (GC) is the highest decision making body at U of T, and is ultimately responsible for all of the academic, business and institutional affairs of the three campuses. There are fifty members of GC, including 16 Provincial Government appointees, teaching staff, alumni, administrative staff, members appointed by the President and ex-officio members, including the President and Chancellor. A mere 8 Governors are students, of which 2 are Part-time students, 2 are Graduates, and a paltry 4 are Undergraduates. This year, as usual, none of them are from Erindale. Despite the almost 7,000 UTM students who financially contribute to the operation of the university through their tuition, no Erindale students currently sit on GC and have a direct say in how that money is spent. It gets even worse. The GC representation formula does not guarantee even one seat to Erindale students. It is spelled out explicitly in *The University of Toronto Act*, and can only be changed by amending it in the Provincial legislature. Under-representation, and often no representation, has meant that Erindale students aren't having direct input into major decisions that dramatically effect their education and wallets.

By now, most UTM students know that many of the dollars that they pay in tuition and ancillary fees leave for downtown and never come back in equivalent services. Fees like the Hart House fee (\$3.72) and SAC fee (\$21.24) are indicative of governing UofT bodies not being clued in as to what Erindale students want to pay for.

EAC meeting upcoming

EAC? What the hell is that? Well it's not contagious, it won't take up any precious parking space, and it won't increase your incidental fees a cent! ECSU has formed a sub-committee to be known as the ECSU Advisory Committee (EAC). EAC is an open forum for all UTM students to discuss all matters affecting our campus. Basically, EAC will provide to ECSU what ECC provides to the Principal. Unlike ECC however, there is no formal nomination process. All UTM students are entitled to voting rights merely by being present at any EAC meeting. EAC's mandate is to increase participation and the flow of information between ECSU and the students at UTM, in regards to both the operations and decision making of the student union. Committee Objectives: ECSU: Provide information and advice that will allow the ECSU BOD to make

The good news...

The existing *The University of Toronto Act* can't stop students from fighting for better representation and a louder voice for Erindale, and all UofT students, immediately. For instance, many of the duties and powers of Governing Council are delegated to the influential Academic Board, Business Board, University Affairs Board and other Committees which have an enormous say and even some autonomous power as to what is taught at UofT, how hundreds of millions of dollars of UofT money is spent, and even what a student can and cannot do on campus according to the Code of Student Conduct. Although Members of Governing Council make up most of these Boards and Committees, other members of the University community may be "co-opted" onto them as well. In all cases except students (who must apply and be selected) these co-opted members are elected from their alumni, teaching staff and administrative staff constituencies. Of the dozens of students currently serving as co-opted members, almost none are from Erindale—an inconsistency that has left UTM routinely shortchanged in the affairs of these powerful Boards and Committees.

According to the Office of the Governing Council Secretariat, changing how co-opted members are selected for a Board or Committee requires only a majority vote of the existing members of that Board or Committee. Making all student positions elected rather than appointed, and guaranteeing a substantial number of seats to Erindale students, would go a long way to ensuring that Erindale is represented properly when the tuition, fees and even standards for student conduct of Erindale students are discussed.

debated and decided on. Make no mistake, if UTM has been getting a raw deal, the lack of attention and representation it has been given on Governing Council has been among the largest reasons why.

What can we do?

Firstly, be aware of the fees you are currently paying, and lobby your student ECSU, SAC and Governing Council representatives to not make a move without first having consulted students directly and substantially. A full itemized list of your fees is available on the Student Affairs website (www.su.utoronto.ca). Most students are surprised to find that they are paying often hundreds of dollars into programs and services they have never heard of, or realized they could use.

Secondly, opt-out early and often. Some fees can be refunded fully if the student requests it. This is a particularly good idea if the fee in question serves primarily only downtown students.

Thirdly, read the student media and watch for upcoming referenda on fee increases. This year a number of fee increase requests will be voted on in conjunction with the SAC and Governing Council election, March 12-14 on ROSI (www.rosi.utoronto.ca). Consider this your chance to vote down fee increases that you as a student don't want to pay for.

Most importantly, VOTE in the SAC and Governing Council elections March 12-14 on ROSI (www.rosi.utoronto.ca). This is your opportunity to elect students prepared to fight for your interests so that you won't have to. Make sure that the candidates know that Erindale students are fed up with paying for services they will never use, not being represented, and that it is time for a new deal for UTM.

Sincerely,
Mike Foderick

Gorski article pathetic attempt to gain readership (oops...we tried)

After reading your front-page article this week about Dawid Gorski, several friends and I were a bit irked. Gorski is an excellent Vice-President and any low-blow attack by his jealous peers will not change that. In fact, at about the same time as the first of the Gorski-trashing articles was published by *The Medium*, some of us went to ECSU to ask questions about regular student issues. Gorski was the only high-ranking ECSU officer that was helpful and friendly. The others, especially President Adil Mirza, gave the impression they were too busy help. Strange, I thought helping me and any other student was what they were being paid to do. Ironic how they accuse the only person who actually represents student interests of not doing his job.

It also seems quite apparent that *The Medium* editorial staff has taken a stance on the issue as they have made this a centrepiece of their journalism in recent issues. I find this reprehensible. Such a newspaper as *The Medium* should have higher standards than the artificial creation of news. Yes that is right, you joined in on the unjustified character-bashing of Dawid Gorski in order to manufacture an ECSU-political soap-opera that you could then subsequently report it in hopes of acquiring more readership. I, like many students, have enjoyed reading *The Medium* throughout my years here at UTM. It has generally been an insightful newspaper with very little of the rubbish that fills many of the University newspapers. Unfortunately, the Gorski-bashing fiasco is changing this widely held sentiment. This does not gain readership, this loses it.

Respectfully,
Andrew Zerzan

In Memorium

Another day has passed and another member of heaven was born. If only Preman knew how much he has torn our hearts. Although he is up in heaven, a much better place, it still really hurts that we cannot see his face. He worked so hard to make his life better, but his life was taken short while our eyes grow wetter. What we would give for one last goodbye, yet we know it. Won't happen and this makes us cry. He didn't deserve this, but God had his plan for Preman. And he has a plan for us too. It makes us all sad that we won't hear his voice. And it makes his friends mad that they lost one of their boys. With each day that passes, we pray the pain will go away. We'll have to learn to move on and get by with each day.

Preman, you hang tough and again we will meet when the Lord up above feels our lives are complete.

Preman was the most caring, kind, genuine individual that I had a privilege to know. He touched everyone in the school as a friend, a brother or just a wonderful person that would greet you in the hallways with a joke. I never realized how much I enjoyed him being around as a friend until he passed away.

We miss you Preman, I don't know how many times we can say this, but we miss you. We miss your laughter, we miss your stories and jokes, we miss you in class and in the halls, we miss your personality, we miss your great smile. But most of all, we miss that others that haven't known you never will. They will always be aware of your name and how great a person you were, but they will never have met you.

I'm happy for you because I know you're in a peaceful place, but trust me Preman when I say — We wish we had you back.

May your soul rest in peace
Sajeeka Jeyakumar

Students inconveniencing mothers and elderly when parking

Dear UTM Staff, Students and Visitors,

During the summer of 2002, seven new parking spots were created beside the Kanef Centre for families and seniors who volunteer for research conducted at various UTM laboratories (Infant & Child Studies, Memory). The infant, child and senior participants are tested at various times throughout the day, including weekends and summers. At times, the parking places have been occupied by unauthorized users, creating inconvenience, confusion, and safety hazards for

these young and elderly volunteers. We ask UTM staff and students to refrain from parking or stopping in this area at any time.

We sympathize with those who seek convenient parking spaces, but mothers with one or two children in tow and elderly people are much more inconvenienced by the unavailability of convenient parking. We would appreciate everyone's cooperation regarding this matter.

Thank you,
Infant & Child Studies
Memory Lab

FEATURES

International Women's Day celebrated March 8

BY DAVID DISHART

In many places around the world women and men observe March 8 as International Women's Day. Since it began in the early days of the twentieth-century, Women's day has come to mean many things to many people.

For some, it is a time to reflect on the political and social struggles that women have had to confront. For others, this day is a time to pause and acknowledge the resilience and endurance of women. To still others, it is a time for people to celebrate women's achievements and their passion to achieve equality since the first Women's Day in 1911.

Kalpana Chawla, an engineer on the Columbia space shuttle mission that ended in tragedy at 9 a.m. on February 1, is one woman who defied her own expectations and even those of her family to become the first India native to fly on a space shuttle mission. Ms. Chawla is one woman who had a great deal of passion for what she did. She was driven to accomplish a lot with her life. She is someone whose achievements inspired the adoration of the whole of her homeland India.

The microcosm at work here is that the people of India adored their hometown hero Ms. Chawla. The macrocosm, then, is that we as a society should be driven to appreciate the perseverance of the women that help to make up our society.

As a student, I can appreciate that most of us feel too busy to give any credence or at least any tribute to Women's Day. No doubt some of us will just see March 8 as another day that will meld into the next.

However, if you are reading this article right now your schedule can not be that busy, so perhaps now is an ideal time to think of the women

you know or have known who have been influential figures of intelligence, confidence, and power to you.

There are many outlets open to those who wish to take a moment and acknowledge Women's Day, many of them offered right on campus. For instance, the Women's Centre in room 131 of the North Building is holding an 'Arts Night' that has been tentatively arranged for the last week in March.

Arts night is an annual event that opens the doors of Colman Lounge to those who want to share their artistic talents. People, especially women, are encouraged to bring a poem they would like to



recite, a play they would like to share, perform a dance, or sing a song. For more details contact the Woman's Centre at (905) 569-4605, email them at utmwomenscentre@hotmail.com, or stop by and get informed.

If you do end up going to the

Women's Centre, there's more to do than inquire about upcoming events. You can take a look through some of the informative pamphlets and the well-stocked literary library open to both women and men.

You can also contact the

Women's Centre for information about a self-defense class offered on Friday March 14. The class is three hours long and there are twenty-five openings for students who wish to take part. There are also extracurricular programs like 'Women's Gym Time' that are held each Monday from 4 to 5 p.m. in the gymnasium.

Another event to keep in mind is the 'Sister's Tea' to be held some time this month by the Muslim Student Association (MSA). This

offers women a chance to get together and converse in a casual atmosphere where the common ground is that all those involved are women.

It should be mentioned that a strong representation from the men on campus is appreciated at many of these women's events. Both sexes need to support these activities in order to create a homogeneous understanding and appreciation of the importance of a day like International Women's Day.

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POETRY STAGES

BY MANUELA ANAMARIA ROTAR

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It is through lies we treasure the truth,
'Tis through sickness we learn to be content,
It is through pain that we know pleasure,
It is with a sad beginning we praise a happy end.

It is through suffering we know compassion,
It is through numbness we learn how to feel,
It is through sadness we feel joy,
Through fakeness we understand what's real.

It is selfishness that teaches us kindness,
It is hatred that brings us to the light,
It is through struggle that we learn meaning,
It is through tears we know how to smile.

It is through time we understand patience,
It is through silence we learn how to speak,
It is through war we give meaning to peace,
It is the strong that come from the weak.

It is through the wind we can hear the sea,
It is the right we learn from the wrong,
It is through imprisonment we understand freedom,
It is through hurt that we become strong.

It is through mistakes we know the right way,
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Environmental levy up for vote

BY BRIAN PURCELL

This year, students will have the chance to vote on an innovative new proposal, unique in U of T's electoral history. The University of Toronto Environmental Resource Network (UTERN) has proposed a 50 cent, fully refundable, non-academic levy.

UTERN is an umbrella organization comprised of student organizations, environmental groups, academic departments, programs and facilities across all three campuses whose goal is to promote environmental practice and sustainability on campus while encouraging partnerships among groups and individuals.

The proposed environmental levy would go towards funding campus greening initiatives on all three U of T campuses. Possible projects include ecological restoration, green energy and energy-efficiency projects, composting programs, community gardens, green rooftops, and anything else that the environmental community at U of T can come up with.

UTERN would act as a grant-giving body, evaluating project proposals and ensuring that funds are allocated to the projects that students want.

This university already has a thriving community of environmental groups, clubs, and unions. Many of these groups have already come up with amazing ideas and proposals, but few, if any, have the funding to

undertake large-scale projects.

The environmental levy would change that. Any student groups with innovative ideas for environmental projects would be eligible to apply for funding.

Over the years, students and faculty have pressured the administration to undertake a variety of environmental reforms. For the most part, unfortunately, these pleas have fallen on deaf ears. It has become clear that if this university is ever going to clean up its act, students will have to lead the way.

The refundable environmental levy is a way for students to take a leadership role in demonstrating that environmental reform is viable. The emphasis will be on funding pilot projects that students can then pressure the administration to expand.

Once we have composting programs or solar energy initiatives up and running successfully, it will be impossible for the administration to claim that environ-

mental projects are too costly, or unworkable.

Within a few years, the environmental levy could put the U of T exactly where it should be: at the cutting edge of ecological practice and campus sustainability.

Over the years, students have been asked to shell out money for innumerable levies and fees. Understandably, students sometimes wonder if they're getting their money's worth out of it all. Here is a levy the benefits of which no one can be excluded from.

After all, the environment is something we all share. We all traverse the earth, breathe the air, suffer from the smog, and experience the environment in a million indescribable ways every single day. When the environment suffers, students suffer. When the environment blooms, students can't help but benefit.

Voting will take place some time before "We all traverse the earth, the end of breathe the air, suffer from this school year. the smog, and experience the environment" Students will be able to vote online through ROSI. Those in favour of more sustainable campuses should consider voting for the Environmental Levy. It's small change for a big change.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



photo/Jim Smagata

A bloody good show

THEATRE REVIEW

BY DAVID DISHART

Theatre Erindale lifted the blood stained veil to reveal the production of John Ford's 1633 play 'Tis Pity She's a Whore.' With a title that brings thoughts of a sinister epitaph, the play lives up to its reputation for being one of the bloodiest of the Jacobean tragedies.

Any viewer who has watched the play will observe that the show is one of blood and gore. While this simple examination is true, one must take care to look beyond the blatantly obvious and delve deeper to identify the real issue that is at work.

The real issue involves that, we the audience, are graced with a production that makes us act on the folly of sacrificing the power of reason for revenge, deception, and corruption – a theme that is still relevant in the lives of people today.

Under the direction of Sheridan College's Greg Peterson, the play is set in Italy during the latter half of the Renaissance Age. It is centered on the precarious love affair between the siblings Giovanni (Mark Sykes) and Annabella (Carin Lowerison).

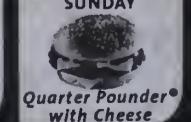
This love of sin is one that the couples try to hide from others around them for much of the play. As lovers they are drawn to live out their affection with a self-satisfaction that will only result in their catastrophic fall.

Tis A Pity continued on page 12

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ALBUM PICK OF THE WEEK

Chevelle
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This second album from a group of brothers, Chevelle, is a punk rock hit and a certified gold seller, which reached #14 on the Billboard 200 in its first week of release. The boys created their band during their teenage years. They are self-taught musicians and relatively recent additions to mainstream punk rock. They have already toured with many famous groups such as Filter, Sevendust, Local H and Machine Head.

Produced by Garth Richardson, (Rage Against the Machine, Mudvayne) the group has influences ranging from Helmet to

CHEVELLE
WONDER WHAT'S NEXT

Quicksand. 'Send the Pain Below,' 'Comfortable Liar,' 'The

Red' and 'An Evening With El Diablo' are all part of the 11 tracks loaded with great guitar and vocals that carry on from the beginning right to the very end.

Sam Loeffler, the band's drummer, describes *Wonder What's Next* as, "a culmination of the frustration one experiences when you're trying to make a record," and also stated that they were the main influence its production.

Wonder What's Next has an edge to its punk sound which has created a massive following within a short period of time. Chevelle has originality, which will continue their success in the years to follow. – Julie Tyios

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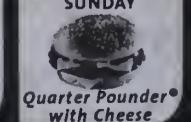
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Wacky college flick fails to make the grade

MOVIE REVIEW

BY ROBIN MCINTYRE

You'll have a good 'ol time with *Old School* — a wacky college comedy that deserves a C. It's a bad repeat of other college adventure movies such as *Animal House*. Like *AH*, the nerds partake in wacky adventures — wrestling girls in jelly, streaking and concocting a

plan to and, in the end, must overcome the uptight dean who's out to get them. *Old School* is full of old and tired jokes.

There's a good movie to be made about 30-something dudes who refuse to leave their college days behind, and for its first half hour, *Old School* bids to be that movie.

Thirty-somethings Mitch (Luke Wilson), Beanie (Vince Vaughn) and Frank (Will Ferrell) aren't exactly over-the-hill but they're definitely feeling the strain of

climbing uphill.

Mitch comes home to find his girlfriend, Heidi (Juliette Lewis), not only with another man, but also another woman and a few people she met on the internet. Mitch and Beanie attend the wedding of their best friend Frank (Will Ferrell of TV's "Saturday Night Live"), formerly known as The Tank. After she kicks him out they all start a fraternity for fairly (and very) old guys who aren't even in college. The writers are not very never

imaginative or challenging enough to supply the audience with a convincing stimulation of fresh or solid material. Instead, they deliver on a rehash of foolish plot devices.

There are pointless scenes tossed in by restrictive appearances by rapper-actor Snoop Dogg in which he sings a brief rap song.

Dubbed as a college comedy, *Old School* has just the right blend of witty and raunchy humor for young people, since maybe the first *American Pie*. So while teen viewers make it a success at the box office, people like Will Ferrell and director Todd Phillips will rightfully reap the benefit. By then, this film will undoubtedly be a favorite party rental, which, for this genre, is perhaps the ultimate compliment.

Ferrell, who couldn't wait to leave the late night rigors of his breakthrough fame on Saturday Night Live for a shot at movie stardom sinks tremendously.

Vince Vaughn shows us once again that he can be funny. In his role as Beanie, he plays both father and party animal as if there is no line dividing the two. Vaughn was hilarious in *Swingers* as the confident player, Trent, but since then, there has been little interest comically or dramatically. It's refreshing to see him get back



into comic roles like this. *Old School*'s a great "Guy Night Get Together Film," or a date flick used so next you can drag him to Chicago. Are there life lessons to be learned from *Old School*? Probably not.

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who is very sure of himself in conjunction with his own artistic confidence.

Whitney Barris, the actress who played the role of Putana the doting chaperone who cares for the strikingly beautiful Annabella (Carin Lowerison), was exquisite. Barris ruled her role. She performed the comedic bits of her character convincingly and allowed the audience to participate in the humor, partly in her confidence in communicating the English of the period.

Mark Sykes, who played the character of Giovanni, was not very convincing in his role, during the first half of the play. His acting seemed like it was being forced out of him, and the dramatic body movements were stiff and not convincing.

To be fair, Sykes did have a much better performance after the intermission. Of course, the shock-effect he exercised by walking out of the upper balcony of the set with a white nightgown that was generously adorned

with the crimson smears of his Annabella's blood, and her heart impaled on a dagger was very well performed and believable. Even though the heart was a prop, Sykes' casual waving of it on the dagger made the audience groan with repulsion.

Carin Lowerison who played the role of Annabella was another actress who had an overall very strong performance and her beautiful costume was breathtaking. Her gracefulness and coy demeanor was a sight to behold on the stage.

The power behind her character's dialogue with Giovanni, especially when talking about her disbelief that the two should marry, added a certain weakness to her role.

A brief word on the setting: the setting was simple consisting of two stair cases on either side of the stage leading to and apex that formed a balcony — simple but effective.

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APUS is holding referendum votes on three questions this spring, which have already been published in the Varsity (March 3 and March 6 editions), and can be found at www.apus.utoronto.ca. Voting will be conducted by secret mail-in ballot.

Any part-time undergraduate student currently registered at the U of T St George campus, U of T at Scarborough, and U of T at Mississauga, who would like to express their views either for or against any or all of the three referendum questions, are encouraged to attend a meeting to discuss the production and distribution of campaign materials:

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Woodsworth College, 119 St George St. (St George campus)
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Full-Time Undergraduate Students, Constituency I

Ben Barry (Trinity College)

It is with honour that I declare my nomination to be your representative. EXPERIENCE As Head of my high school's student governing group and currently as Director of Council Relations for the Toronto Youth Cabinet at City Hall, I ensure that student issues are brought to the forefront of debate. In second year, I am studying political science, management, and women's studies. ISSUES Stopping the deregulation of tuition fees and monitoring how university funds are used needs active attention. I sincerely ask for your vote in order to ensure that our voice is not only heard, but also acted upon.

Adam Borovilos (Victoria College)

Adam Borovilos is a third-year Victoria College student studying in both the Commerce and Computer Science programs. It is his hope to raise awareness in the minds of students of the important decisions made by the Governing Council. By providing a calm, balanced viewpoint, Adam will offer an accurate representation of student body opinion to the Council. His decision to run is based on a sincere personal belief in making a positive contribution on behalf of the entire undergraduate student community. He looks forward to serving you.

Mike Foderick (University College)

Former policy aide to three Toronto City Councillors, and Chair of The Varsity Newspaper Board, I brought the 12% TTC Metropass discount to UofT. As a member of Governing Council I will: 1) Be the most active opponent of tuition increases of any kind, leveraging my experience to fight the deregulation of professional programs 2) Push hard to make student positions on GC Boards elected, not appointed. 3) Lead efforts to make our three campuses as green as possible 4) Only be an email away as your voice at Governing Council. www.mikefoderick.ca.

Shane O'Dowd-Rutherford (Transitional Year Program)

Our university is a collection of many diverse communities and interests. Working together we can achieve a level of success unsurpassed by any other academic institution. Equity and diversity are the hallmarks of a great institution, with the release of the Green Papers I believe we can begin tapping the creative energies and different points of view of our diverse student body and with this we can collectively achieve higher levels of student satisfaction and find new ways to enrich the university experience. I will work towards leveraging our strength as a collective to reduce costs for students.

Leo Trottier (University College)

Actively involved in student government at the residence, college, and University levels, Leo is known for his leadership and dedication to improving the student experience for his fellow undergraduates. An accomplished second-year Cognitive Science student at UC, Leo is currently a Director on SAC, and sits on the Executive of his House and Residence councils. If elected to Governing Council, Leo's goals will include stopping tuition fee deregulation, recognizing the University's diversity by creating more space for student groups, reducing the effective cost of student housing, and strengthening the University's commitment to environmental responsibility. For more information, visit www.leotrottier.com.

Faran Umar-Khitab (Trinity College)

No statement provided.

Adam Watson (University of Toronto at Scarborough)

Adam Watson - Truly proud of his accomplishments and endeavours, Adam has served the community in a number of capacities. Elected as Student Trustee to the Simcoe County District School Board, Adam was responsible for representing the views and best interests of more than 50,000 students. In addition, Watson was elected the youngest-ever Provincial Director to the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA) and the Chair of the Barrie OSPCA. Taking great pride in saying that he is a management co-op student at the University of Toronto at Scarborough, Adam wishes to eventually pursue a career in politics.

Full-Time Undergraduate Students, Constituency II

Muhammad Basil Ahmad (Pharmacy)

has served on the Governing Council, University Affairs Board, Planning & Budget Committee, Academic Appeals Board, and recently on the Students' Administrative Council and Discipline Appeals Board. He was also Chair of the Special Committee that drafted the new Code of Student Conduct printed in your Faculty Calendar. As President of the largest student club, he is now involved with the Orientation Task Force. Many challenges await us, as the University of Toronto undergoes unparalleled expansion. RE-ELECT a student who will work assiduously to improve student life and this University's reputation for equality and diversity. Vote for the EXPERIENCED CHOICE!

Bruce Cameron (Applied Science and Engineering)

The Governing Council functions as a university-wide vehicle to engage students in shaping their education. I believe a student's educational experience in the professional faculties is best nurtured by a learning-based environment - education that is actively responsive to student needs, emphasizing the learning process over bulk delivery of material. As a GC member, I will do my utmost to increase the council's awareness of relevant curriculum and policy issues. I will collaborate with council members to ensure cohesion between resolutions and results. I will seek to foster more efficacious governance, correlated with improving the university experience.

David Kolinsky (Law)

In an era of increased tuition and decreased accessibility, my goal is to work toward the recognition of a university education as something that all people should be able to aspire to, regardless of income or membership in any particular social group. I envision a University where students graduate not only with an education that is unsurpassed, but also with a desire to serve the greater community, which has made their educational experience possible. I am committed to representing the best interests of all students, without prejudice with regard to their academic constituency or socio-political views. Vote for David Kolinsky.

Robin Rix (Law)

Effective student representation requires an informed perspective of the university's operations and a commitment to improve the student experience.

My community involvement includes service on the provostial task force on student housing, on the law school's Faculty Council, as a don at Victoria College, and as the chair of several student governments, including SAC.

My aims for the year are to be an informed voice for professional faculty students, to

increase the level of student awareness about Governing Council's decision-making process, and to co-operate closely with student governments and other stakeholders through formalized consultations and outreach activities.

Daniel Thorek (Applied Science and Engineering)

I would be honoured to be given the ability to represent our constituency as a member of the Governing Council. The position that I am running for provides one with the opportunity to dedicate oneself to carrying out some of the essential duties of the university. As an OT4 engineering student with experience in student government, I hope that I can be presented with the opportunity to give something back to this institution.

Part-Time Undergraduate Students

Mohammed Hashim (University of Toronto at Mississauga)

As the SAC University Affairs Commissioner this year, I gained invaluable experience and insight into University governance. As the Part-time Undergraduate Representative on the Governing Council, I will use my final year to accomplish the following goals:

- A tuition freeze for all undergraduate and Professional Faculties;
- An Environmental Protection Policy that will shift the University's mandate towards sustainable development

• Strengthening the relationship between the central Administration and the UTM and UTSC campuses by creating an atmosphere of constructive engagement between students on Governing Council and their Administrative counterparts.

For more information about my policies, please check: www.mohashim.com.

Andrew Jochem (Woodsworth College)

My name is Andrew Jochem. I am a part-time student in the humanities. As a father of two young children, managing my own landscaping business, I can sympathise with the external stresses, apart from the pressure of academic success, that most part-time students, especially Academic Bridging students, encounter. Spiralling tuition fees are limiting access for part-time students. The classification of part-time students is being redefined so that they may not be eligible for OSAP in the future. Part-time students enrich our community and deserve a strong voice and representation on Governing Council.

Jeff Peters (Transitional Year Program - part-time)

I am 27, and the first Part-time Transitional Year Program (TYP) student. I believe in free tuition for all students and I will fight at Governing Council to achieve this vision. As an anti-poverty activist, I believe that all students should have housing and adequate food; as such, I will work for greater access to services such as the UofT food bank. I am a peace activist and a mature student with a physical disability; I pledge to work with my fellow students to improve accessibility on all three campuses.

Chris Ramsaroop (St. Michael's College)

As a current student governor, I have been a voice for the interest of part time students. Equity, diversity and accountability must be upheld within the governance structure of UofT now! As students we must demand that our voices are heard in the areas of financial aid, housing, student space and diversity. Let's send a message to the administration that they are here to provide an accessible education to all. As such I will continue to demand more participation from students and the greater community so

that decisions are reflective of our needs. www.utoronto.ca/acc/gc

Fern Turgeon (Woodsworth College)

I am a single mother with two children and I work full-time in advertising. Since completing the Academic Bridging Program, I am pursuing a degree in English and taking courses in Writing, Rhetoric, and Critical Analysis. As a member of Governing Council, I intend to give voice to the needs of part-time students who are a significant cohort of the student population. Some of the issues I would like to address include providing ample study space, availability of evening courses, and comprehensive support systems to enable students to be part of the academic community.

Graduate Student, Constituency I

Sachin Aggarwal (Rotman School of Management)

No statement provided.

Frank Belluardo (Italian Studies)

Objective:

- To liaise between Constituency I graduate students & Governing Council.
- To strengthen rapport between students and the administrative body; and for student issues to be heard.

Currently:

- 1st year UofT Masters Student & TA
- Current President GSA Italian Studies.

Past experience (at York University):

- Chair, York Orientation Directors Association
- Chair, Vanier College Alumni Association
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- Treasurer, Vanier College Council
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Graduate Student, Constituency II

Azadeh Emam (Medicine)

As graduate students, we are an essential part of teaching, research and future of this institution. As a result, our interests should be considered in major decisions made for our university. With my experience in cultural organizations both on and off campus, and as the former president of the Nutritional Sciences Students' Association, I am highly motivated to be the voice of graduate students on the Governing Council and to represent our interest. www.azadeh.ca.

Françoise Ko (Pharmacology)

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SPORTS

Fury and Waterboyz clash for ball hockey glory

By "THE COMMISH" JON LEE

As you may have noticed, this year the playoffs had to be shortened due to unforeseen circumstances in the league. So you should catch the big division one final while you can on Tuesday, March 11. Division two has their semi-finals also this week, leading to the finale in the following week. Don't forget once the season is complete that the All-star game and skills competition will be coming up too! More in the next article but the Commish can tell you that you can get involved with the voting like in other years! That ballot will be in *The Medium* soon too.

Division One wrap-ups:

Waterboyz beat the upstart Wildcats in a tough battle.

The Boyz and Cats had a close game but the combination of Paolo Caramanico (2 goals), Eddy Jurinic (1 goal, 1 assist) and Ray Mukaddam (2 goals, 1 assist) put the game away in the second half for an 8-5 Waterboyz win. Mike Wach of the Wildcats was the player of the game, scoring a hat trick and assisting on another to keep his team in it as best as he could. The Boyz go to the show and try to find that elusive championship they have yet to capture with Fury around.

Fury squeezes out a win over the Rookies.

Speaking of the defending champs, it was a close scoring affair, but the veteran Bruce Worthington continued his solid scoring campaign this year by netting two goals to lead Fury to a 5-3 victory. Mike

Acedo and Mike Sudeyko had a goal and an assist each in the win. Steve Freitas was the big player for the Rookies as he scored two of his team's three goals and assisted on the other.

Division One Finals:

Game of the Week & Primetime Tuesday Game
(1) Waterboyz vs. (3) Fury

Wonder where I put that coin, because this still could be a coin toss decision. Fury is looking to become four-time consecutive champions and five times in the last six years. The Waterboyz look to win their first and this is their first visit to the big show. The Boyz come off a tougher game but their leading scorers Javis Gillingham, top team scorer Ray Mukaddam and Eddy Jurinic, along with their second solid scoring line of Robi Frankovic, Paolo Caramanico and Mikey El-Zoobi, need to keep up their controlled pace to beat Fury twice this season. They beat a struggling Fury team earlier in the season but Fury is now on a roll, and so is captain and the league's top scorer, Mike Acedo, and his line with Adam Daly and veteran Bruce Worthington. This will likely come down to goal-tending and Neil Meneses for Fury has more playoff experience than Waterboyz goalie Paul Costa. Supporting cast is the

other crucial point as who's better as role players, Mike Sudeyko, Darryl Sequeira and Jay Abbott of Fury, or Chris Deangelis and J.P. Paluzzi of the Boyz? I see the slight edge going to the better two-way play of Fury, but do not be surprised again if this game goes to overtime or a shootout.

Pick: *Fury*

Division Two Semifinals:

West #1 Whalers vs. Winnipeg Jets
Now the big boys, the Whalers and Milkmen, who had gotten the big break, are back into action.

The Whalers face a tough opponent in another former-NHL named team in the Jets. The Jets have drastically improved and are looking to continue their great strides towards the championship. The Whalers have tons of scoring by looking at the top scorers alone. Captain Chris Jackson will lead his team in a barrage on Jets goalie Dan Pisko. The Jets can't play from behind if they're down by too many, so the key for them is to play some sound defense and pick their spots with their big scorers like Dave Kuska, Helder Borgas and the recently rising Rob Murphy. The Whalers better not take this team likely and who knows how the time off will affect them. Both teams have never made the finals but they both see it as their time

to shine like it was 1989 (when the NHL teams existed). The Whalers though may have more firepower than the Jets can handle.

Pick: *Whalers*

East #1 Milkmen vs. HoLoHo

A semifinalist and the top team the last two years takes on the 'hiatus' champs. HoLoHo had a wicked shootout last week and are being led by the hottest division two goalies at the moment, "Stone Cold" Kevin Spence. The Milkmen will be a major test to see if HoLoHo deserves to be in the finals, likewise for the Milkmen who face the best goalie and a reputable defense. The big scorers for the Milkmen like Captain Matt Baptista, Greg Clarence, Gregg Cullen, and Andres Montiel will have to shell the net repeatedly and look for those few rebounds to win this one. HoLoHo can't rely on the goalie alone and need to capitalize on all their chances. Players like captain Thomas Krebs, who netted the winner last game and Jordan Latorre need to pot in a few in order for HoLoHo to return to the big game since winning it three years ago. This is another tough game to call, but the Commish will lean towards the higher scoring Milkmen in this affair.

Pick: *Milkmen*

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Superstars keep playoff hopes alive with win

BY GINA RAJACK

This week's Women's Ball Hockey game was the most exciting game of the season as the Free Agents took on the Superstars. The Superstars won their first game of the season, beating the Free Agents with a score of 6-2. The Superstars, who had a three-game losing streak prior to this game, finally got things together and managed to solve the tight Free

Agent defence. Both teams were cautious in their own end during the first period, only allowing one goal each. The first period goals were scored by Claire Pinsonnault of the Free Agents and Kristen Ryan for the Superstars.

The second period opened up more when the Superstars started capitalizing on their chances. The dynamic duo of Afshan Omar and Ryan found the back of the Free Agent net five

more times. Holly Grant popped in one more goal for the Free Agents, but it was too little too late. Superstars' goalie, Nazia Khan, was instrumental in this win over the Agents as she blocked many shots, and even managed to get an assist! The Free Agents need to muster up some more offence in their next game against the Bond Girls if they want to make it into one of the two spots for the championship game.

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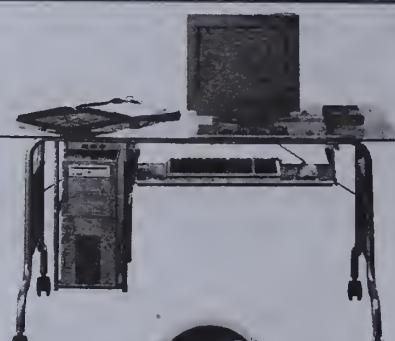
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UTM one step closer to title

BY GERGIN NAOUMOV

The men's indoor soccer team earned a spot in the championship game by disposing of Innis College by a score of 7-1 in semi-final play.



For possibly the first time this season, the team members showed that they are more than glorified house-league players. As usual, the veterans on the team provided the offense, while the rookies not only made several acceptable passes, but also did not get whooped once the entire game. If the recent strong play of the team continues, it stands a good chance of bringing the illustrious eight inch wooden championship plaque back to UTM for a third straight year.

The game

was essentially over in the first ten minutes as UTM raced out to 4-0 lead. Goals by Paul Costa, Francesco Coscerelli and Sam Gideon minutes apart ensured that the game was going to be a blowout from the onset. In fact, the relative ease with which players were scoring had some team members (those of the Polish delegation) thinking that they were at Flight 2000.

The score would have been more lopsided had one of UTM's veterans put away some of the many chances he had, or had he connected on some of his attempted volleys. In his defense, this player was playing with a broken back.

The finals will be played on March 10 at 9:00p.m. at the Athletic Centre on the St. George Campus. Since no fans will come, is it possible that at least a Medium photographer can come to take the championship picture for UTM?



Forward Kris Kaperzewski (8) fires a corner kick to team mate Francesco Coscerelli during the team's semi-final win. The team scored a 7-1 win over Innis College and now look to capture their third straight title. The team will play in the championship game on March 10 at 9pm. photos/Darryl Sequeira

Lady Eagles on fire

BY J. SWISH AND
VINCE KISHIMOTO

The Women's Tri-Campus b-ball team has been on a tear lately winning their past 3 games after losing to St. George White 49-48. The loss was the first regular season loss in over five seasons for the Lady Eagles.

With a short bench due to tests and injuries, St. George White, playing at home, was able to defeat UTM 49-48. Steph Kishimoto led UTM with 24 points while Lindsey Sones added six points.

UTM then faced Scarborough at home in a game before the Reading Week. UTM played just well enough to win as they saw a 24-14 lead at half dwindle to a six point lead at the end of the game, 43-37. Sones had a game high 14 points, while Shelly Roque contributed six points.

UTM then travelled downtown to face the Steve Manchur led, St. George Blue team. UTM played one of their best games all year and finished the game 21 for 29 from the foul line, en route to a crushing 66-49 win. UTM held a 32-21 lead at half due to great team defense, rebounding and foul shooting. They did not let up in the second half in this game and continued to run the St. George team all over the court. Kishimoto had 25 points, Marija Kosovski had 15 and Lindsey Sones added eleven.

In their last game of the regular season, UTM avenged an earlier defeat to St. George White with a 57-46 win. The Eagles, playing before their home crowd, played another strong game from start to finish. Running with two lines, UTM was able to run the White team off the court with their tenacious press and strong defense. Coach Krist called for a press. Kishimoto made a three pointer and reeled off a steal for a lay-up and

two foul shots. White responded with a tray of their own and Kishimoto answered with her second triple, all within two minutes of furious action. The half ended a minute later and the Lady Eagles were up by ten. Kosovski had a phenomenal defensive performance with nine steals and a strong eight points. Sones was solid in the post pulling down nine rebounds and adding six points to anchor a tough first half. Steph Van de Ven made the most of her shots going two for two from the floor.

The second half remained a ten point contest for the first 12 minutes. UTM made their run, stretching the lead to 18 in the next four minutes and cruising to a final 11 point victory. A solid bench performance in the second half took the pressure off. Diana Kwong finished with a season high eight points and Linda Williams added six points to go along with a strong rebounding performance.

With this win, UTM now has home court for the Championship Final at UTM against St. George Blue on Thursday, March 13th at 8:00p.m. The Tri-Campus final will be team captain's Steph Kishimoto's last game for UTM as she graduates this year. Based on the team's last two games, coach Jack Krist is optimistic about the team's chances in the final. Krist commented "as of late my top players are playing at a whole new level and this has seemed to bring up the play of the entire team. We want to win this one for Steph. We have not lost an interfaculty league championship since she came to UTM, and I think it is important that she leave UTM on a winning note."

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